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**Army and Navy News**

**Major Ray Goes East.**  
Maj. Beecher B. Ray, pay department, has been granted a four months' leave of absence and left San Francisco last week for Indiana. He has been on temporary duty in this department on account of the ill health of Mrs. Ray, and has made this change also on her account, and will place her in a sanatorium.

**Middy in Business.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 17. — Lawrence A. Austin, former midshipman on the United States cruiser Albany, who was forced to resign from the navy because he took a header into the sea of matrimony, which is not countenanced by the government for one in his station, arrived here yesterday from Corinto on the steamer City of Para. Austin no longer wears the uniform of a midshipman and will hereafter engage in business with his stepfather, Major Dux, in Dubuque, Iowa, instead of pacing the quarterdeck.

The gallant midshipman married Miss Roma Paxton, a society girl of this city, December 17, 1908. Although the navy regulations provide that no midshipman may take into himself a wife without the permission of the department, Austin disregarded the rule and took his orders from Captain Cupid. The navy department was very wrath upon learning of the plunge the impetuous lover had taken, and he was forthwith called upon to explain his move. Long correspondence ensued, but without avail, and it was up to Austin to resign or be dismissed from the service. He chose the former alternative.

**Bedford's Fine Record.**  
The admiralty has issued the result of the test of gunlayers with heavy guns in the fleet during 1909. (Admiralty Gunners Branch, No. 467.) Their lordships, in a note to the document, express their satisfaction that the standard of shooting which was attained in 1908, and which was in advance of that of former years, has been maintained, with the result that the usual tabular statement is given showing the general improvement in marksmanship since the year 1900, and bringing out the circumstance that in 1905 an excess of hits over misses was first recorded with the old pattern target. An excess of misses over hits was registered in 1907, when the new target first came into use, but the hits out-numbered misses in the following year, and the excess of this was larger again in 1909. The abstract of the firing for 1909 shows the China station first in order of merit, with the best ship of the squadron, the King Alfred, the flagship of the commander-in-chief. The second place in the list is taken by the home fleet, third division and third cruiser squadron, with the illustrious as the leading ship. The third place in order of merit is taken by the home fleet, second division and second cruiser squadron, with the Natal as best ship. The other fleets or squadrons follow in rotation: Atlantic fleet and fifth cruiser squadron, Mediterranean fleet and sixth cruiser squadron, Cape of Good Hope squadron, Australian squadron, the special service ships and tenders, home fleet, first division and first cruiser squadron, fourth cruiser squadron and East Indies squadron. In the table which gives the firing by the different descriptions of guns the Superb stands first in order of merit with the twelve-inch gun, the Temeraire comes next and the Dreadnought third. All these vessels belong to the home fleet, first division. The table which gives the fleet classified in order of merit of ships comprising places the Natal first, King Alfred second and Bedford third, the best ships in these ships being Petty Officers H. Foulkes and G. Eaton, Chief Petty Officer A. Jones and Gunner R. Southwells, R. M. A., and Petty Officer F. Fren. Altogether 118 ships took part in the test.—Broad Arrow.

**JAPANESE MANNERS.**  
An American traveler who had visited much of Japanese territory was asked recently by an Englishman who was with him in the station, "What do you think of the Japanese?" "I think," replied the American, "that they are a very different race from the English."

At the Japanese Embassy in London, a party of Americans, including the American Consul, were shown a number of Japanese lanterns, which were of a very different shape from those of the West. The lanterns were of a very different shape from those of the West. The lanterns were of a very different shape from those of the West.

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**THE MAKING OF A NOVEL.**

Telling some one how her novels "grow," Mrs. Gertrude Atherton says: "The idea lodges down there somewhere in the back of my head, sometimes for years. Then a chance remark shoots it up into the top of my head and I go to work. I shut myself up; the place where I must write comes to me like an inspiration, and I go there if I have to cross the world. "San Francisco in summer is an ideal place for work; it is cold and foggy, windy and bracing; the people go away and I have it to myself. It is very stimulating. It stormed for fifty days and nights on Mount Tamalpais while I was working last winter upon my new novel, 'Tower of Ivory.' This book is a story of Munich and England, and I had to come 7000 miles to Mount Tamalpais, as I had made up my mind I could write it nowhere else. There were long draughty corridors in the deserted hotel where I could take long walks in my heaviest coat. "It takes me a long time to touch the spring of a book, but when it is once wound up I want to go right along; no interruption. I don't think anything about filling in a certain number of words a day, but I do work steadily, going in and out of bed, and taking long walks in the afternoon."

**IMPROVING AMERICANS.**

"Nothing is fixed but the certainty of change," said Goethe, and we know that the future American will represent a change. He may be taller, or shorter, or thinner, or fatter than the American of today, but there is nothing in the existing state of society—and we use society in its broad sense—to indicate that he will not be better in many ways. Confidence in this is based largely on the evident determination of the American of today to leave our institutions and our ideals better than he found them. Every American—native or foreign born—wants his children to have a better education than it was possible for him to secure. He wants to have his children live in a community of higher standards and ideals than he has; he wants betterment in local, state and national conditions; and the result of the want will be improvement and a demand by his children for still greater improvement.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

**THE CHAMOIS TRAIL.**

Every day at noon at Grindelwald there is a rush of visitors for the telescopes, in order to gaze at one of the most interesting natural scenes in the Alps, "the chamois trail." Regularly at this hour a herd of twenty to thirty chamois may be seen passing in Indian file up the yawning abysses of the precipitous Mottenberg peaks, separating two glaciers, the male animals leading the way, the king of the herd keeping twenty yards in advance, and on the watch. At the bottom of the Mottenberg, where the slope is freed from snow, the chamois find a meager subsistence where their usual feeding grounds are under deep snow. It is a curious fact that the chamois descend to the feeding grounds at dawn, when there is little likelihood of avalanches, and return to their haunts at an hour when avalanches for this portion of the mountain have frequent avalanches—have already fallen and the danger is past.—Pall Mall Gazette.

**ORIGIN OF NAME MINNESOTA.**

Noted antiquarians of St. Paul disagree as to the origin of the name of our State. It is claimed by some to be a Dakota word, meaning bleached or abraded water. Mr. Schantz, a skillful ethnologist, advances the theory that it may be from that tongue. The Chippewas, he says, always name natural objects from some peculiarity connected with them. Thus, Agate in that language means the agate tree. Minnesota is applied by them to the bluish, crystalline to the Falls of Gilead and the cottonwood tree. The forests of cottonwood abounding in the Minnesota bottoms may have caused them to give the river that name. —St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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